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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: P. B. Kim
Yasuyuki UNNO)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2851
Application No.: 09/523,735)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 7033
Filed: March 13, 2000)	
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For: PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM)	March 11, 2004
AND PROJECTION EXPOSURE	:	
APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

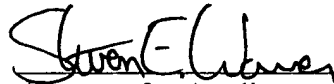
Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward his representatives during the personal interview conducted on February 19, 2004.

The topic of the interview was whether there was motivation to combine the Winker et al. and Oshida et al. patents in the manner set forth in the prior Office Action. Applicant's representatives asserted that motivation was lacking. The Examiner agreed to withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103, but indicated that a further search was necessary.

Applicant's undersigned representative may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steven E. Warner", is written over a horizontal line.

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